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Sir,

The invention relates to a trailer (65) having a trailer frame (68) supported by ground engaging wheels (84). A pivot frame (69) is pivotally attached to the trailer frame (68) by pivot attachment means (72). The pivot frame (69) is attachable to maintenance apparatus such as a mower (100) in use. There is also provided connection means such as a drawbar (70) to a prime mover.

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3,979,137	9/7/76	Lipscomb, Jr. et al.
4,051,967	10/4/77	Sedgwick et al.
4,813,841	3/21/89	Eischen
5,090,718	2/25/92	Kauffman
5,564,883	10/15/96	Swanner
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1196044	10/29/85	Canada
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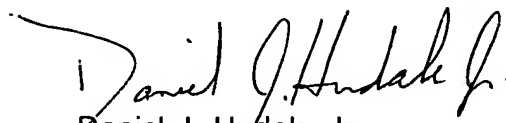
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